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(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer delivered reftel demarche July 6 and followed up July 9 with MOFA Humanitarian Assistance Division Principal Deputy Director Hisanobu Mochizuki. Mochizuki noted that Ambassador McKinley had approached the Japanese Ambassador to Geneva seeking support for a third term. Japan will not support Ambassador McKinley, and will "give due consideration" to Ambassador Swing, but is holding out to see if any EU country candidates surface, reported Mochizuki. SCHIEFFER